JSC Standards of Ethical Conduct Determination [Section 2635.204(g)(2)-(6) -- Widely Attended Gatherings]

On November 6, 2004, the St. Louis Science Center is hosting the X-Prize Foundation's award of the \$10 Million Ansari X-Prize to the Mojave Aerospace Ventures Team, which recently completed two successful sub-orbital flights within 2 weeks. More than 20 teams from seven countries were in the competition. The award and celebration event caps off a city-wide rally and hands-on public activities at the Science Center and Planetarium, including interactions with team members, models of the various X-Prize competition spacecraft, and the special exhibition SPACE, presented in collaboration with NASA.

The event, which will include dinner and a program, is to begin at 6:00 p.m. and last until approximately 10:00 p.m. It will be a widely attended gathering of individuals from the public, industry, government, and academia from across the country. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency, the U.S. civilian space program, and NASA educational and community outreach.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for NASA invitees and their guests to attend this event. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees are authorized to attend and to accept any food and refreshments offered in conjunction with this event, at no cost.

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